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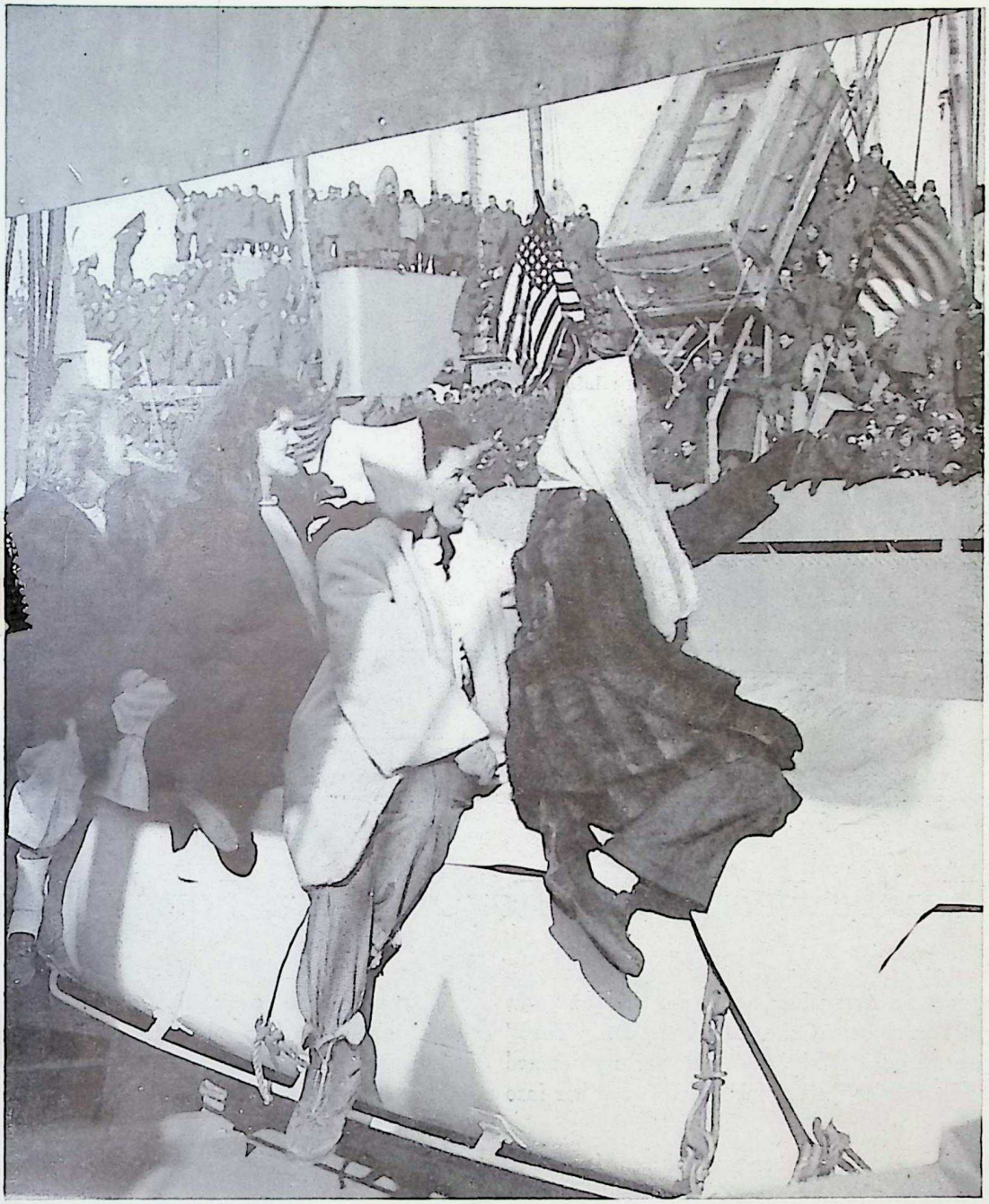

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EDITORIAL

"You've Been Gone For A Long, Long Time"

Alongside the Army Pier at Boston the band was playing, "You've Been Gone for a Long, Long Time" and the gray hulk of the Lewiston Victory loomed larger and larger as the tug labored to warp her into the dock.

Above us, more YDers than we had seen since 1919 as 1500 men of the new Yankee Division called to the throng on the pier. We, who once upon a time also came home from a war, looked up at those faces with a variety of emotions. We thought of the boys who were not coming back, who would never come back but rested in their graves 4000 miles from home.

We watched the boys as they came down the gangplank, some grim and sober, some with a smile that just wouldn't come off as they playfully stamped their feet on the first bit of their native land in years. One boy trooped gayly down leading a dachshund at least four feet long and there was the inevitable Sad Sack about five feet tall decked out in an overcoat that reached to his boot tops.

This then was another army of the United States come home—Victorious.

We welcome our gallant brothers-in-arms to the best place on earth, home, sweet home!

ROUSING WELCOME HOME SHOWERED ON THE YANKEE DIVISION MEN WHO WALLOPED THE JERRIES - AGAIN!

Diluted by casualties and replacements but still the Yankee Division in name and tradition, 1536 veterans of the 26th Infantry Division—including 135 genuine New Englanders—landed in Boston and received a rousing welcome home reception.

Heroes of the YD's "first generation" holding still bright ribbons for action at St. Mihiel, Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne were proud of their successors' record in cracking the Maginot and Seigfried lines and participation in the flattening of von Runstedt's Bulge at Bastogne.

They showed this as they shouted themselves hoarse while leaning over the rails of the official welcoming tug and other harbor craft that joined the welcoming flotilla.

Tugs, fireboats and other harbor craft opened up with their whistles as the troop-filled transport moved into the harbor, and literally "tied them down" to create the noisiest welcome so far staged for troops returning here.

The official welcoming tug, provided by the Army and laboring under the name of the good ship Loolipop, was loaded with city officials and YD veterans headed by Mayor Kerrigan and General Blake, YD vet and Veterans Administration chieftain for this area.

Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul of Shrewsbury, who led the "New YD" in combat and returned to share Boston's welcome to Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower, was not aboard the tug when it pulled away from the Army base to meet the Lewiston Victory.

The division's current commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow, and three of his aides, were on board. The aides were Col. Dwight T. Colley, assistant division commanding officer and veteran of both wars; Maj. William R. Porter, G-I chief of the 26th; and Capt. Henry Misrock, public relations officer for the division.

Other officials aboard the tug were Col. John J. Higgins of Springfield, Col. Vincent C. Breen of Boston, Lt. Col. John E. Turner of Attleboro, Lt. Col. John J. Reilly of Boston, Lt. James A. Reilly of Boston, Maj. Earl Barnard, Capt. David Brickley, former commander of the National Legion of Valor; William Coffey, representing Congressman John W. McCormick, Maj. William W. Drummey, Senator Edward C. Carroll of the V.F.W., John J. Foley, Dennis Brunton, national commander of the YD Veterans' Association, Edward A. Connor, president of the YD Club of Boston, Capt. Mortimer Sullivan of Springfield, and Walter Grant.

In addition to the dignitaries named, there was a large number of pretty WACS who probably got a good deal more attention from the long absent soldiers than any of the "first generation boys."

Waiting at the pier shed to greet the men was Governor Tobin and members of his staff.

No parade was scheduled.

The men who wrecked the Kaiser's armies in World War I and the boys who smashed Hitler's panzer divisions had little time for story swapping after the transport tied up. The Army had decreed that the welcome "must not delay the route to the reception center at Fort Devens" and the returning troops were quickly moved into the waiting trains.

While elements of the 101st Infantry were docking here, the 104th Infantry was unloading at New York and within a week, other units aboard six transports are scheduled to reach the United States.

YD units aboard the Lewiston were Division HG, HQ Co. and HQ special troops with band; HQ and HQ Co. Anti-Tank Company; Cos. A, B, and HQ Co., 1st Battalion; 101st Infantry Regt.; HQ and HQ Co., 328th Infantry Regt.; HQ and HQ Battery, 26th Div. Artillery; HQ and HQ Co., 104th Infantry Regt.

First man ashore was Somerville's Lt. Col. Ralph Palladino, who joined the YD in 1942 and fought the European campaign with it.

"The YD doesn't have to take its hat off to any outfit in the Army," he asserted aggressively. "They told us when we landed we would be in the Army of Occupation, but they were all wrong because we were sent into the front lines."

Colonel Palladino plans to return to business in Boston as soon as he is discharged, he said.

Only three of the 26th original officers were aboard the Lewiston when she docked. They were Lt. Col. Hugh Donaldson of Pittsfield; Maj. Lawrence Quigley and Maj. Edward F. Logan of 560 Broadway, South Boston. Greeting Major Logan were his father, Theodore Logan, and his uncles, Brig. Gen. Francis Logan and Malcolm Logan.

Also on the dock to greet the YD contingent was Brig. Gen. William I. Rose, Pacific theater commander of the 51st Brigade, but before that a YD officer.

Colonel Palladino wore the Russian Order of the Fatherland, the Czechoslovakian war medal, the Le-

gion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre. He was greeted on the dock by Maj. William R. Porter of 22 Lakeview road, Jamaica Plain, former GI of the YD.

Leaning on a cane but cheering loudly at the pier was Capt. F. T. Marden of 340 Center street, Jamaica Plain, a regular Army man who was with the YD for 12 years. He was returned to this country after being wounded in both legs in Germany last March. He was been at Lovell General Hospital since.

Cpl. Wilfred P. Doucette of Newton, with the YD as a national guardsman prior to federalization, was on deck to greet his buddies, as was John Mooney, who left his work at nearby Castle Island to say hello. He went through the campaign with the 26th and received his discharge Oct. 4.—Boston Globe.

YD FIRST OF A.E.F. TO PIERCE NAZI'S TOP DEFENSES — THE MAGINOT AND SIEGFRIED LINES

Penetration of Germany's two strongest defense chains—the Maginot and Siegfried lines—were among the top accomplishments of the Yankee Division in World War II.

On Dec. 8, 1944, the YD became the first of the A.E.F. to pierce the Maginot line, and on March 13, 1945, punched down the Saar valley through the Siegfried line defenses.

General Patton also gave the 26th the job of spearheading the drive through Lorraine into the Saar basin, starting Nov. 8, 1944. This was the five-week drive which culminated in cracking the Maginot line and entry into Germany Dec. 11. The 26th climaxed the push with capture of Metz, unconquered for 1500 years.

During the Battle of the Bulge, a year ago, the 26th played a major and dangerous relief role, seeking out the Germans for a meeting engagement. They found the enemy and drove him from the flank of the 4th Armored Division, which was then free to relieve besieged Bastogne.

The YD fought through to the north of Luxembourg, and through Saarlauten before piercing the Siegfried line and crossing the Rhine at the Oppenheim bridgehead.

The YD route went through Hesse-Darmstadt, Thuringia and then south through the Danube river valley into the northwest corner of Austria. There it turned north again and crossed into Czechoslovakia, where it ended the war.

It was in Czechoslovakia that the YD accepted surrender of the 11th Panzer Division which had faced the YD in early November of '44 when it moved into the battle line for the first time, near Nancy in France.

The YD had been in Europe eight months when V-E Day came but had fought so purposefully that when Lt. Gen. Edgar Freiherr Treusch von Buttler-Brandenfeld, commander of the 11th Panzer Division surrendered, he said:

"I am honored to surrender my men to a division famous through all Germany."—Boston Globe.

GOV. HILDRETH ACCEPTS 103RD COLORS FROM MAJ.-GEN. WING

Wing Praises Maine Regiment for Pacific Record before 400

Decorations won by individuals of Maine's 103rd Infantry Regiment "speak louder than words" of its distinguished record in the battles of the Pacific, Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing told an audience of 400 in the Capitol's Hall of Flags as he presented the regimental colors to Gov. Horace A. Hildreth who accepted them on behalf of the state.

Wartime commander of the 43rd Division with which the 103rd served from New Georgia through Munda, New Guinea, the Philippines, and on to Tokyo. General Wing said the "fighting qualities of the 103rd were not surpassed by any unit in the command and they reflected the indominitable will and military proficiency of the officer who commanded the organization until it entered combat."

The reference was to Col. Spaulding F. Bisbee of Portland who led the unit into Federal service and retained the command until its combat preparation was completed in the Southwest Pacific islands. He was then sent by the War Department to the China-Burma-India Theater, where he trained troops for combat on the Asiatic mainland.

Governor Hildreth as he received the colors, paid tribute to the physical and moral stamina of the younger generation "which has maintained successfully the record of earlier staunch defenders of the faith of our fathers" in the Pacific war.

The Governor praised especially the deeds of the three Maine men awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity in action

above and beyond the call of duty—First Lieut. Robert T. Waugh of Augusta (posthumous), 2nd Lieut. Edward C. Dahlgren of Woodland, Aroostook County, and Sgt. William G. Fournier of Winterport (posthumous).

"For the sake of those who made the great sacrifices in this war, for the sake of those who survived the ordeal of battle, and who in a few years will be the leaders of our nation, we should ponder well the future in terms of the past," the Governor said.

"Now, in time of peace, are we to permit selfishness to be the guiding light of our country? Is the long distance thinking of our national welfare to be ignored for the sake of a few dollars in added profits and reduced taxes?"

Referring to the illustrious record of the 103rd which dates back to the days of the Civil War, the Governor declared, "We are indeed proud of their accomplishments and we rejoice for our country that they have shown so clearly their fierce intent o uphold the principles of liberty and justice." The speakers were introduced by Brig. Gen. George M. Carter, adjutant general of the state of Maine. The proceedings were broadcast.

The Maine State Guard Band provided music for the occasion, afer negotiating icy roads to arrive at the Capitol only a few minutes behind schedule.—Portland Press-Herald.

HERE WE ARE FELLERS!

By H. C. Judd

26th Infantry Division

BOSTON—The first units of the 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division to return to the United States arrived in Boston, fresh from Europe where the Division cut an 1,100-mile swathe through Hitler's legions in 210 hard-fought days of combat in World War II.

In addition to Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Medical Detachment and Band, the ship brought back from Marseilles Headquarters and Headquarters Company of each of the division's three infantry regiments:

101st, commanded by Lt. Col. Seymour B. Satterwhite, Roxboro, N. C.

104th, commanded by Col. Ralph A. Palladino, 49 Putnam road, Somerville, Mass.

328th, commanded by Lt. Col. Hugh Donaldson, Pittsfield, Mass.

Also aboard were Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of Division Artillery, commanded by Lt. Col. Walter E. Willard, 277 Linden Park Pl., Highland Park, Ill., and Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 1st Battalion, 101st Infantry, commanded by Maj. John J. Christy, 2 Hudson St., Providence, R. I., together with Anti-Tank Company and A and B Companies of that regiment.

The Yankee Division, commanded through combat by Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, Shrewsbury, Mass., returns from overseas under the command of Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow, 2602 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Col. Dwight T. Colley, Saunderstown, Mass., who served with he YD in both World Wars I and II, is returning as Assistant Division Commander. The division is being deactivated, its present personnel discharged.

Colonel Satterwhite, who joined the YD in Europe last July after seeing combat with another unit, wears the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

Colonel Palladino, CO of the 104th Infantry Regiment, went overseas as executive officer of that regiment and took over command of it, Nov. 10, 1944, when Colonel Colley, its commander then, was wounded.

Colonel Palladino wears the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement, the Legion of Merit for outstanding leadership of his regiment, the Russian Order of the Fatherland, the Czech War Cross of 1939 and the Combat Infantry Badge. His regiment, a month ago at Reims, France, received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. The regiment in World War I received the same decoration and was the first unit of the United States Army to receive a foreign decoration. Colonel Palladino is the husband of Mrs. Helena E. Palladino. Prior to entering service he was part owner of the Palmer Spring Company, Charleston, Mass.

Colonel Donaldson, commander of the 328th Regiment, is a veteran of 17 years' service with the Yankee Division. He went through training in the United States with the 104th Infantry Regiment and commanded its 3rd Battalion during the Lorraine Campaign, until he was evacuated for wounds Nov. 22, 1944, and hospitalized for two months. On his return to duty, he became commander of the 328th's 2nd Battalion. After the war in Europe was over he became executive officer of the 104th and on Oct. 14 became CO of the 328th. He wears the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart with Cluster.

Colonel Colley, who won the Distinguished Service Cross as a company commander in the 104th during World War I, won it again in World War II as the regimental commander. He is the only officer now with the division who fought in it in both wars. Commander of the 104th during the first part of the Lorraine Campaign, he was evacuated after being wounded and received the DSC in the hospital from General Eisenhower in the presence of General Patton of whose famed Third Army the YD was a part.

After his return to the YD, Colonel Colley served for a time as commanding officer of the 328th Infantry Regiment. He commanded the division for a short time before General Grow assumed command and then became its assistant commander.

Before entering the service for World War II, Colonel Colley was New England sales manager for the Atlantic Refining Company.

Major Christy, CO of 1st Battalion, 101st Infantry, joined the YD Nov. 25, 1944, as CO of Company L of that regiment. He subsequently served as executive officer of both its 1st and 3rd Battalions. He wears the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge and three Battle Stars on his ETO ribbon. As a civilian he was in the public relations department of the Atlantic Refining Company and previously on the staff of the Providence, R. I., Journal and Bulletin.

General Grow, present commander of the YD, served in combat as commanding general of the Sixth Armored Division. When that unit was returned to the States for deactivation, he became commander of the 3rd Armored Division until it was deactivated in Germany. He became CG of the YD Nov. 10. Onetime G-3 of the 2nd Armored Division under Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., General Grow wears the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre together with the following service ribbons: Mexican Border, Victory Medal, World War I; Army of Occupation 1919-1921, American Defense, American Theater, European Theater with five Battle Stars and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

Executive Officer of the 104th Infantry and returning with it is Lt. Col. Frederick A. O'Neill, St. Albans, Vt., husband of Mrs. Phyllis M. O'Neill, 3 Devereux St., Salem, Mass. Colonel O'Neill joined the YD this past November after serving overseas as commanding officer of the 274th Quartermaster Battalion. He wears the Bronze Star Medal and one Battle Star on his ETO ribbon. He was formerly with the Vermont State Highway Department.

104TH DECORATED AGAIN!

The YD's 104th Infantry Regiment, which in World War I became the first American unit decorated by a foreign power when it received the French Croix de Guerre, won the honor again during World War II.

The 104th received the award the second time for its part in the Lorraine Campaign. The award was presented Nov. 27 at Reims, France, by General Arlabosse, commandant of the Groupe de Subdivisious de Chalon-sur-Marne. The citation, signed by Generals de Gaulle and Juin, reads:

"Valorous Regiment, already cited during the war of 1914-1918, was the decisive element in the attack launched by the 26th Infantry Division from the 8th of November 1944 to the 11th of December 1944 in Lorraine.

"Attacking in the night of 8 November 1944, the 104th Infantry Regiment smashed a powerful line of enemy resistance based on Vic-sur-Seille.

"In spite of enemy reinforcements, seized Bennestroff on the 19th of November, 1944. The next day, after fierce struggle, took the top of Hill 334, the key position of the enemy defensive system, and forced the enemy to evacuate his previously prepared defenses. On the 24th of November, 1944, after clearing many mine fields and taking many fortified positions, took Guebling and Schwixx. Took Kalhausen on the 8th of December, 1944 and smashed a system of forts of the Maginot Line, thus liberating the last parcel of French territory then held by the enemy in this sector.

"The 104th Infantry Regiment inflicted on the enemy heavy casualties in the course of the different actions; 1,428 prisoners, more than 3,000 wounded and about 700 killed."

The regiment is commanded by Col. Ralph A. Palladino, Somerville, Mass.

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1946 Y.D.V.A. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WORCESTER

DATES ARE JUNE 27, 28, 29, 30 — FOUR DAYS

WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR

The Post-War National Convention of the Twenty-Sixth 'Yankee' Division old and new. The twenty-seventh for the old-timers and the first for new YD is to be held in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Heart of the Commonwealth on June 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1946.

You old-timers will remember the 1936 Convention that was held in Worcester, but boy!, oh boy!, with the help and spirit of the new YD what a Convention you will witness in the geographical center of the old Bay State this year.

Your Convention Committee has already been formed with live wire chairmen for each and every individual committee.

The Convention Committee is planning a separate souvenir program in honor of the sons and daughters of YD men. All you old-timers who have pictures of your sons and daughters who have served in any branch of armed forces in World War Two are urgently requested to send them along to the Convention Headquarters, YD Club of Worcester, Mass., 839 Main Street, as soon as possible.

One of the main attractions of this Convention never attempted before will be the awarding of Grand Convention Prizes. This will take place on the evening of the Military Ball. In the very near future each and every Chapter of the YD will receive a letter explaining in detail the features of this plan.

Of course all the features of a Convention and Reunion will take place during the Four Days. Including the Mammoth Military Ball, a Colossal Outdoor Aerial Show and Fireworks Exhibition. A Huge Parade comprising the old and new divisions with drum corps and bands galore.

Sunday Morning will be devoted to honoring our departed dead of World War I and II, at a place to be designated later.

Registration, as in the past, will be Two Dollars. It is the desire of your General Chairman to have as many as possible register. More of this later.

Yours in Comradeship,

FRED A. JONES,

Convention Chairman.

CLYDE O. ELLIOTT

Executive Secretary.

THE PLACE — WORCESTER, MASS.

THE TIME — JUNE 27-28-29-30 1946

Notice to New YD Members

This is your Lost and Found Column. If you can't locate your buddies write in. Give your name, address and outfit. Tell us the name and outfit of the man you want to find. We'll do our best.

Company A, 104th Infantry, 26th Division—Am anxious to contact former members or families of boys from Company A, 104th Infantry, 26th Division, in order to secure information about my husband, Pfc. Maurice Klein, 33706078, reported missing in action on Nov. 22, 1944, near Albestroff, France. Please write Mrs. Maurice Klein, 91-D Harper Drive, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Company C, 104th Infantry, 26th Division—Would like to get in touch with any former member of Co. C, 104th Infantry, who knew my son, Pvt. Arthur R. McMullen, Jr., 7025795, reported missing in action at Albestroff, France, Nov. 22, 1944. Please write Mrs. Arthur R. McMullen, 438 Library St., Braddock, Pa.

THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD YD

What brings you out to this meeting?
Is it for hot dogs and coffee?
Or is it to give a word of greeting
To your Buddy in the old YD.

No matter what other things we love
In this sweet land of liberty,
There's nothing here below or above
Like the spirit of the old YD.

Our Past Commanders, I am certain
Work hard for the old YD.
From Eddie Miller to Johnny Curtin
They practice our principles three.

Good fellowship at its best
Is found when we get together,
In the North, South, East and West
No matter what the weather.

Good citizenship we try to show
But politics is not our line,
Tolerance is the greatest thing we know
And means all that is clean and fine.

The friends we've made in the old YD
Are good friends, tried and true.
With them we fought for Victory
Under the dear Red, White and Blue.

So tonight let's not mope and sigh;
Smile and be merry and gay.
Remember—Old soldiers never die
They just fade away.

And now, my friends, I'll end my verse
And if some things I forget to mention,
You've heard better and you've heard worse;
So thank you for your kind attention.

— Past Comdr. John J. Curtin,
Hartford Chapter, 1944.

101st Infantry Memorial Service

The 26th Annual Memorial Service of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, formerly conducted by the Iron Battalion, was held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, on Sunday, Nov. 25, 1945. This annual affair, originated by Co. H following World War I and then the Iron Battalion, is now at the request of our Permanent Chaplain Monsignor Boucher, a regimental affair, sponsored by the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association. The parade formed at the 101st Infantry Armory under the command of Maj. Walter Grant (Co. I) and proceeded to the Cathedral where Monsignor Boucher celebrated a High Mass. Assisting him were Father John J. Dugan, S.J. and Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, Ph.D., as Deacon, Rev. James H. Doyle, sub-deacon, and Rev. Michael F. Costello as Master of Ceremonies.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing presided and preached the sermon. Ushers at the church, in mourning clothes, included Charles Miller (Co. A), Maj. John T. O'Meara (Co. H), Al Sears (Co. H), Edward Connor (Co. C), President of the YD Club of Boston, Joseph Selvitella (Co. H), Frank Gannon (Co. I), Joseph Gagan (Co. E), Fred A. Jones (Co. G), William F. Murphy (Co. G), James J. Wrightson (Co. G), George Hart (M. G. Co.), William Madden (M. G. Co.), James Barry (Med.), President William P. Coffey (Supply), and James J. Powers (Co. H).

Cong. James M. Curley attended the service and then made a visit to the 101st Infantry Armory where all those who participated in the parade were given a buffet luncheon with all the trimmings.

A reception and luncheon was tendered Monsignor Boucher at the Hotel Statler following the church service. Among those at the head table were Maj. John J. Dugan, S.J., Rev. Edward Lodge Curran of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Edward L. Logan and daughter Patricia, Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Foley (Co. G), Brig. Gen. William J. Blake (Hdqtrs.), Col. Vincent C. Breen (Co. C), National Senior Vice Comdr. Lawrence Curtis, D.A.V.; State Comdr. James Riley, V.F.W.; Vice Comdr. Michael Connor, A.L.; State Comdr. Francis Roche, D.A.V.; General Chairman John W. Coughlin and Mayor Murray of Fall River.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

* Comparison 1944 - 1945

1944		1945
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	17
2	Farmington	0
51	Lewiston	54
40	Waterville	41
23	At Large	34
150		146
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
7	Concord	0
2	Franklin	0
9	Keene	6
66	Manchester	61
41	Nashua	46
10	Rochester	9
25	Triangle	22
11	At Large	20
171		164
	DEPT. OF VT.	
25	Brattleboro	15
1	Burlington	0
28	Montpelier-Barre	20
43	Rutland	40
2	St. Albans	0
8	Morrisville	9
8	At Large	16
115		100
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
37	Beverly	45
550	Boston	747
57	Concord	63
9	Brockton	7
42	Danvers	47
139	Fitchburg	173
4	Foxboro	1
51	Haverhill	43
7	Holyoke	0
15	Lawrence	21
25	Lowell	26
247	Lynn	255
20	Marlboro	21
44	Milford	43
75	New Bedford	62
35	Reading	28
41	Salem	47
109	Springfield	191
180	Worcester	323
66	At Large	104
1754		2247
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
119	Apremont	140
26	Kent County	28
250	Providence	285
1	At Large	2
396		455
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	53
115	Bristol	116
254	Hartford	239
65	Manchester	49
83	Meriden	79
25	Middletown	25
38	New Britain	74
242	New Haven	290
17	New London	18
26	Norwalk	26
36	Stamford	23
26	Torrington	29
10	Valley	5
22	Wallingford	21
15	Waterbury	36
52	Willimantic	53
30	Groton-Stonington	27
1	At Large	5
1106		1168
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
26	Chicago	28
33	Cleveland	47
11	Denver	11
23	Detroit	28
18	Los Angeles	10
153	New York	147
24	Philadelphia	18
32	Washington	28
37	Life Members	36
95	At Large	109
4142	GRAND TOTAL	4742

This Month's Cover Picture

Welcome Home to the best outfit on earth.

Legion Head Honored by YD

John M. Robertson, Commander of the Lewiston Post, A. L., has been admitted to honorary membership in the famous Yankee Division Veterans Association the first citizen to be so honored by the Androscoggin Valley Chapter.

His credentials arrived recently, much to the surprise of Mr. Robertson who had been entirely unaware that the YD veterans planned this gesture of appreciation and respect for him as father of a hero son who was killed in this war with the YD Division.

That son was S/Sgt. Allan Robertson, former Lewiston athlete, who was killed in action while leading his platoon in an important action in Germany. Sgt. Robertson was only 23 at the time of his death, and his military career was as distinguished as that of his Scottish father before him.

The blow was a hard one for the Robertson family but Mr. Robertson never interrupted his services on behalf of local veterans, and continued to officiate at funeral and memorial services for the local war dead. He has so acted at 200 such services since the first casualties began to be received locally, and the YD vets of World War I are honoring him both for his own services, and in recognition of the sacrifice made by Sgt. Robertson in World War II.

Banking Connections

While we are, of course, constantly looking for new business of the right kind, it is never our intention to disturb satisfactory relations elsewhere. If, however, any change or increase in banking connections is contemplated, we would like very much to be kept in mind. We welcome opportunities to discuss banking or trust matters at any time.

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HOUSING PROBLEM REASON FOR DECLINING HONOR

It was with extreme regret that New Haven Chapter found it necessary to decline the honor of holding the 1946 National Convention here in New Haven.

We had appointed a very efficient and hard working committee headed by Hi Dube and Otis Culver both Past Commanders and with experience in handling many conventions including National and State.

Many difficulties in holding the convention here cropped up most of which might have been surmounted to a greater or less degree but the one stumbling block that had us licked was the housing problem. New Haven is up against an accute shortage of all kinds of housing. We have less than 1800 hotel rooms if you count the dives and over three-quarters of the total are taken by permanent guests who cannot find any kind of quarters elsewhere. We could not get a promise of more than 50 rooms from both the leading hotels together and no promise of a place where a sizeable banquet or meeting could be held during June. To add to the already bad situation Yale University will be holding their graduation and June exercises at that time and they would have first call.

When Oate Culver who is a trained hotel man with plenty of experience and Hi Dube give up on a proposition it is a good bet to follow suit.

To avoid any misunderstandings that might arise later I am giving this to DOINGS the same way it was given to National Commander Brunton and the National Executive Committee. — Dexter A. Cargill.

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Dinner to Col. Dwight T. Colley

On Friday evening, Dec. 28th, a small group of former members of Company 'E', 104th Infantry, World War I got together to do honor to one who commanded the company in 1918 and later in 1944 commanded the 104th regiment until wounded in November, 1944 when he was evacuated to a hospital in England. When discharged from the hospital he returned to the division and took command of the 328th Infantry and was later Asst. C. O. of the division. The group met in the Boston Room of the Parker House, Boston, at 7 o'clock for cocktails and Joe Gannon acted as host.

The following former members of E Company were present: Gen. Wm. J. Keville, James Casey, George Snell, Tom Mackey, Red Bemis, Tom Donovan, Elliott McDowell, George McKenna, Dennis Sheehan, Fortunati Bonoselli, and John McAllister. Gen. Charles H. Cole, who commanded the 52nd Infantry Brigade in 1917-18 and Guy Watts of C Co., 104th, were the only ones outside of the company members.

A lobster dinner was served after cocktails and following the dinner with Joe Gannon acting as toastmaster, short talks were given by General Cole and General Keville (Adj. Gen. of Mass.), extolling the wonderful career of Colonel Colley. Then Colonel Colley gave an informal talk comparing the two wars, telling about the different branches of the armed forces and their co-ordination between the different branches. Colonel Colley was wounded by shrapnel and still is carrying a piece in his body. He received a DSC in this was as well as the last.

E Company members are very proud of Colonel Colley and so is every member of the regiment and the division.

To each and everyone:

May the new year see the dawn of a new era that will give to a war-weary world — Peace.

Nat. Comdr., Officers, Editor.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

On Dec. 6, 1945, my Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch and I attended a Past Chapter Commanders' Night at Hartford. In spite of the bad weather, the meeting was well attended and a fine feeling of good fellowship existed in the chapter. Some of the Past Chapter Commanders did a fine job in the poetry line, Past Nat. Commander Bourne and his committee served a very fine supper. As master of ceremonies, Commander Caravatt was right on the job and did not miss a trick.

Dec. 7, with Mrs. Brunton and our daughter, I attended the annual military ball of the YD Club of Boston at the Copley-Plaza Hotel and had a most enjoyable time. The club is to be complimented on a very lovely affair.

Saturday afternoon, I went to see the wife of my former company commander, Carroll J. Swan, at the Robert B. Brigham Hospital, and in the evening we attended the D Co., 101st Engineers' dinner at the Lenox Hotel.

Sunday afternoon with Roswell and Mrs. Patch, we attended the Conn. State Dept. meeting at Torrington. The work that was to be carried on at Newington and Rocky Hill for the Christmas holidays was told, and Conn. is certainly taking care of their comrades.

On Dec. 19 braving the blizzard, P.C. Ed Miller, Roswell and Mrs. Patch, Mrs. and Marita Brunton and I attended the Windham County Chapter anniversary party at Willimantic, Conn. In spite of the worst snow storm of the year the party was well attended and those who were present enjoyed a delicious steak dinner and very fine entertainment. P.N.C. Miller paid tribute to Len Maloney for his fine work in organizing the chapter. Past Dept. Commander Gardiner Hall deserves a great deal of credit for a most enjoyable affair.

Due to housing shortage New Haven has been obliged to withdraw its invitation to hold the annual convention in that city, and I want to thank the Worcester Chapter for taking over the convention. The dates are June 27, 28, 29, 30, and under the able leadership of Past Chapter Commander Fred Jones. I know there will be an outstanding Convention.

Best wishes to each and every one of my comrades for a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

— DENNIS J. BRUNTON,
National Commander.

MEN OF THE NEW YANKEE DIVISION

From now on we can hardly refer to the "Old" or the "New" Yankee Division. In a short time you, too, will be veterans of the grandest fighting outfit ever activated.

We glory in your war record. We're proud to call you Comrade. Join YOUR outfit now — The Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Our chapters stretch from Maine to California. If your city has no Chapter get the gang together and organize one.

The membership blank is on the next page. Use it. If you need more write to National Headquarters, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

And don't forget that this is your magazine. Start writing to it with plenty of news.

SIGN UP THE NEW YD AS MEMBERS

For the benefit of membership committees, the following outfits are or were a part of the new division:

51st Inf. Brig., 52nd Inf. Brig., 101st Inf., 104th Inf., 181st Inf., 182nd Inf., 328th Inf.

211th FA Bn., 212th FA Bn., 221st FA Bn., 263rd FA Bn., 101st, 102nd, 180th FA. Special troops, MP's, 26th and 39th Signal Div. Hqrs. 101st, 114th and 57th Engineers, 101st Med. Reg., 101st QM Reg., 101st Obs. Sqn., 26th QM Co., 26th Ren. Troop, 72th Ordnance Co., 101st Ordnance Co., 492nd, 493rd, 494th QM Co.'s, 626th Tank Des. Bn., 818th Tank Des. Bn.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

IN

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200 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

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Chapter: .....
Name of Chapter

Or

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Name in full ..... Rank .....
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(Company) (Regiment)

Served with 26th Division from ..... 19 to 19
(Date) (Date)

Medals or citations: .....

Were you wounded? ..... If "yes", when .....

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Married or single? ..... Any Children? .....

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Which address shall we use for YANKEE DOINGS and any other mail we may have to send you? .....

In view of my service with the YD overseas, I hereby apply for membership in YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION and enclose $2.00 which represents my dues for the fiscal year (fiscal year begins April 1). It is understood that membership in any local Chapter is conditional upon payment of such additional dues as the local Chapter may assess.

Date .....

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene A. Beaudoin, 140 Summer St., Lewiston, Me.

ANDROSCOGGIN

Commander: Eugene Beaudoin
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas

At the December meeting of the Adroscoggin Valley Chapter of the YDVA held at the club house overlooking the Parson's Mill Pond in Auburn voted in favor of purchasing the property with the view of erecting a larger structure when building material is available. J. Fred Shaw, Eugene Beaudoin and Eugene Huard were named the committee in charge with power to investigate and act.

It was voted to pay the expenses of its Past Commander Eugene Beaudoin, now state department commander, for visitations at the other active Maine chapters, Portland and Waterville. The annual sizeable contributions were voted to the local Salvation Army, Tuberculosis Association, Red Cross and Lewiston-Auburn Children's Home.

The date of the January meeting was set for the night of the 25th of that month.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye, 83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey, 77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The last regular monthly Smoker of the YD Club of Boston was held on Thursday, Dec. 20 and was one of the largest gatherings to attend a Smoker for years. Approximately 500 veterans of the YD of World Wars I and II were present. The meeting and Smoker was presided over by Comdr. Edward A. Connor. Maj. Timothy J. Doherty of World War II, formerly of the 101st Infantry, who received the DSC while serving with the 32nd Division in the South Pacific acted as master of ceremonies. Five distinguished guests, all members, spoke of their experiences with the armed forces throughout the world. The first, Col. John J. Carew of Medford, former regimental commander of the 101st Engineers, World War II and a member of Co. E, 101st Inf., World War I, who went to the South Pacific in 1942 and served with the 157th Engineers Battalion of the 32nd Division in the New Guinea campaign and also received the DSC in both wars. Colonel Carew spoke of the gallant action of the men of his battalion in crossing the Owen Stanley Mts. in New Guinea.

Col. George Lenox was the next speaker. Colonel Lenox left the division in 1942, while they were at Camp Edwards with part of the 101st Engineers and later made a part of the Americal Division. Colonel Lenox spoke of the wonderful work done by the men of his battalion, who were former members of the YD, coming from Somerville, Medford and Cambridge. Col. Edward (Pop) Connors, B Co., 101st Inf., World War I and who commanded the 3rd Bn., 101st Inf., when the division was called out in January, 1941. Colonel Conuors left the division in 1943 and was sent to China and served on the staff of Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek, who decorated him with the Chinese decoration, The Cloud and Banner. He told of his experiences in China with the Chinese army. Lt. Col. Richard P. Sullivan was the next speaker. He told of the work done by the famous Fifth Ranger Bn., which was organized and trained in this country and England and was formed by members of the YD. Colonel Sullivan was a member of the 101st Inf., of this war prior to joining the Rangers and received the DSC, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. He gave a wonderful talk on the experience and accomplishments of his battalion, telling of the fine work done by his men, especially those that came from the YD. The last speaker of the evening was Lt. Col. George A. Sulli-

van, GI of the division throughout World War II. Colonel Sullivan told of the work of the division from its first stages right through to the end of the war. He also called on both the veterans of World War I and World War II to get behind the new National Guard, 26th Division, when it is reactivated again in this state.

This Smoker was one of the best held at the club for a long time and was enjoyed by all who attended. Refreshments were served after it was over. Temporary plans are under way for more Smokers similar to this one, bringing the World War I and World War II YD men together. We are in hopes of having at the January Smoker GI speakers and have a chance to get their stories of the war.

The following World War II men have become members of the YD Club of Boston since our last issue: Peter Caparell, Med. 328th; Clifford Hodgkins, M/Sgt., 104th Inf.; Donald Emrick, Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf.; Edward J. Peters, Serv. Co., 328th; Maj. Wm. R. Porter; Richard T. Riordan, Co. E, 101st Inf.; Capt. (Father) Francis X. Bransfield, 328th; William W. Molla, Div. Hdqrs.; Harold R. Gayton, Bty. B, 101st FA, Bn.; Chas. Kelliher, Hqrs. 3 Bn., 101st Inf.; John Kelliher, 3 Bn., 101st Inf.; Raymond F. McKenna, 26 Recon. Troop; Walter Sutherland, 3 Bn., 101st Inf.; Dr. Geo. Pelletier, Dental Officer, Sp. Troops; Wm. F. Connors, Co. H, 101st Inf.; John Tipping, Co. E, 101st Inf.; Albert McPhee, Co. E, 101st Inf.; Lawrence Mikulshi, Co. E, 101st Inf.

James McGrail, Co. H, 104th Inf.; Capt. Stanley Skeiber, Hqrs. Co., 101st (overseas with 3rd Div.); Capt. Edmund Butler, Serv. Co., 101st (overseas with 5th Ranger Bn.); Capt. John Caddle, Co. H, 328th (overseas with 83rd Div.); Milton McLaughlin, Co. C, 101st Inf.; Wm. Furniss, Co. F, 101st Inf.; Frederick Burke, Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf.; James O'Callaghan; Capt. Geo. Johnson, 104th Inf.; Leo Leavitt, Co. M, 101st Inf.; Lt. Col. Richard Sullivan, 101st Inf. (overseas as CO of 5th Ranger Bn.); Capt. Jeremiah Doherty, Hqrs. Div.; V. A. Giannantonio, Co. M, 182nd Inf.; James Stewart, Co. C, 101st Inf.; John L. Kennedy, 101st Inf. (overseas with 2nd Div.); Thos. McCarthy, Co. C, 101st Inf.; John McCann, Bty. B, 101st F.A. Bn.; James DeVine, 26th Cav. Recon. Troop; J. H. Geberlein, 181st Inf. and Div. Hqrs.; Wm. Costello, Hqrs., Co. 2, Bn., 101st Inf.

Wm. Cameron; Herbert Hurwitz, Co. I, 104th Inf.; WO-John L. Donohue, 263rd FA., Bn.; Joseph Forte, Co. H, 104th Inf.; Joseph Kelley, Co. E, 328th Inf.; William Pappas, Co. F, 101st Inf.; Mitchell George, 180th, FA., Bn.; Wm. Ahearn, AT Co., 328th; Edw. McBrearty, Can. Co., 101st Inf.; Capt. Thomas E. Arnott, Serv. Co., 328th; Archie Caraber, Hqrs., 2 Bn., 104th Inf.; Geo. Farquhar, Co. M, 101st Inf.; Edgar Chisholm, Bty. B, 101st FA., Bn.; Charles Dukelow, Hqrs., 263rd FA., Bn.; John Cove, Serv. Co., 101st Inf.; Maj. Lewis Whittemore, 263rd FA., Bn.; Robert Levey, Bty. C, 180th FA., Bn.; John Rogan, Co. A, 101st Inf.; Col. John Carew, 101st Eng. and 157th Eng.; Col. Edward Connors, 101st Inf.; Lt. Col. Wm. Callanan, 328th; Capt. Fred Marden, Co. M, 328th; Geo. Caddle, Co. L, 101st (overseas with 84th Div.); Maj. John A. MacKillop, Medical, 328th; Maj. Blake Lombard, Dental Surgeon Div., Hdqrs; Albert Battista, Co. K, 328th; John Saferian, Co. K, 328th; James Clifford, 328th Inf.; Maj. James Lowell, 101st Med. Reg. (overseas Americal Div.); Henry Lowell, 26th Div., Hqrs. Art.; Michael Hennahane, Co. M, 101st Inf.; Frank Kreger, Co. G, 101st Inf.; Edward Billa, Co. L, 328th; William Stowe, 26th Signal and 57th Eng.; Franklin Beal, Hqrs., 1st Bn., 101st Inf.; George LaFountain, Co. I, 101st Inf.; George J. Maigret, Co. I, 101st Inf.

— Daniel A. O'Brien.

BEVERLY

Commander: Harold Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

Beverly Chapter had their November meeting at Mrs. Pike's in Middleton and enjoyed a wonderful chicken supper. Those of you who have not visited Mrs. Pike's and had her famous chicken supper should do so. Ask any of the Danvers boys what they think of it.

Naturally we start our proceedings with a jug of Frank Smith's bug juice. Tain't the way I heerd it, but Frank Dupee says he must try it on his dog before he brings it up. If the dog lives it's OK.

After our supper we had a bull session of about an hour after which we called it a night. Bob Standly as usual had a few stories to tell, ably assisted by Dupee and Mal Fraser.

Warrant Officer Dick Anderson favored us with a few remarks about the new YD. Alfred Dubois also told of his experiences while in China.

Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that we held our December meeting at the same place. Our January meeting is to be held at the American Legion Home at which time we are in hopes of initiating three or four new members.

Quite a few strange faces appeared at this meeting and we hope to see them again in the near future.

Those who attended were Heald, Smith, Dupee, Norm. McLean, Roland Standly, Perkins, Batchelder,

Mitchell, Bright, Tozer, DuBois, Katz, Davis, Grant, Webber, Anderson, Rogers, and two fellows from C Co., 101st Eng.—can't think of their names.

— Joe Bright.

CONCORD

"Minute-Man Chapter"

Commander: Bernard F. Snee
47 Woburn St., Lexington

Secretary: Charles E. Carton
22 Webber Ave., Bedford

Dec. 11, 1945, Tony Iasi Dugout, Bedford, Minute Man Chapter, meeting night— some of us met but no meeting—seven members in all, Bedford 4, Concord 1, Lexington 1. Yes it was a cold night, too cold to go to a meeting but I wonder how many of you stayed at home. Second Tuesday of the month is YD meeting night. Members should not have to be told.

Sixty-three paid up members and 28 behind—how come—next year will be on you soon and it will cost twice as much—pay your $3.00 now and save $3.00 next April.

Co. H, 182nd Inf. have most all been discharged. I wonder how many have been approached by our Concord comrades and given an application for the YDVA. William Thatcher, Bedford, is an ETO YDer and the first to join this chapter.

Come on Concord get on the ball and let us show the city slickers how the hick towns can do things when they want to.

Well there were 5,75s and three of us out of the seven took them apart and left the cassings for Bernie Snee to return.

After shooting the bull for an hour and laying in the ammo we decided that 9.30 p. m. was late enough for us to be out so we called it quits until our next. Jan. 8, 1946, 8 p. m. Start the new year right. Bring yourself and a new member.

— Sully.

DANVERS

Commander: George J. Ferguson
15 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their last meeting for the year 1945 at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wednesday, Dec. 5. We had the usual flame thrower hour followed by the usual chicken feed and movies by Hon. Comrade Frank Cook. We had 36 present, a good number considering the roads were rather deep in snow, but snow or no snow they come out for a good time.

We now have four of the new YD boys signed up and they were at the meeting and they say they had a swell time and won't miss any of the meetings. We had as our guest, Lieut. Gordon (Pee Wee) Williams, nephew of our first commander. Gordon was with the Eighth Air Force and was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for over a year.

We now have the highest membership we ever had —47 and we will continue to grow and I would like to be able to give our new commander, Dennis, a membership of at least 60 before he goes out of office. If I do Denny the drinks will be on you at the convention at New Haven.

Well there isn't much news I can give you this month but here's wishing every man who ever wore the uniform of the good old YD a bright, prosperous and peaceful coming year from the boys of Danvers (the live wire) Chapter and to the officers of our organization we say thanks for a good job done the past year and let's all go forward to make the YDVA a bigger and better organization.

Our next meeting will be held the last Wednesday of January, 1946.

— C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bernard Brown
Townsend, Mass.

Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

At the regular monthly meeting of Fitchburg Chapter held Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, the following comrades were elected officers for 1946:

Commander, Wm. King; S.V.C., Dick Stapley; J.V.C., Russell Aldrich; Secretary, James Meffen; Treasurer, Bob O'Brien; Chaplain, Dan Moran; Trustees, Thomas Tiernan; John Maston, Wilfred Lamothe, Thomas Horrigan and Joseph Guy. Plans were made for the Annual Banquet and Installation of the newly elected officers which will be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 5, 1946.

Comrade Reg. Murray is confined to the hospital and Comrade Bill Lynch is at home with a fractured ankle.

Comrade Charles Hodge won the door prize after which the meeting adjourned to enjoy the usual refreshments.

I wish everybody the best of all things for the coming year.

— Russell Aldrich.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugus, Mass.

Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Congratulations go to Worcester, New Haven and Providence on their membership growth and to our National Comdr. Dennis Brunton for the swell job done to date. Lynn reached its highest total ever in 254 members.

Our own publication is now six years old—"The Barrage"—and still going strong with the ads paying all expenses. Edmund Trudell is the editor and A. Raymond Doucette the business manager.

Our Christmas program was a busy one. On Dec. 18th we held our monthly smoker with S.V.C. William Eddows in charge, ably assisted by members of this Chateau Thierry Club, composed of Richard Hennessey, Leslie Pugle, Peter Perrault, Oliver Nichols, Eustis Grimes, Walter Smith, Claude Hoag, The Duke and others. A fine program of entertainment was put on under the direction of Comdr. Chris Schacht, assisted by George Walton, Charles Scanlon, Richard Skinner and David Casey.

The chapter voted to send a resolution to our Congressmen, Thomas Lane and George Bates, endorsing the bill recommending pensions for World War I veterans on the same basis as granted Spanish-American War Veterans.

On Dec. 21st the chapter put on its Annual Christmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital. A fine vaudeville show that lasted two hours was well received by a packed auditorium of World War I and II veterans convalescing at the hospital. Cribbage boards, checker games, chess and domino games were given to the hospital for the recreation room. Christmas boxes filled with useful articles and goodies were given to every YD man at the hospital whether he was a member or not. It was our most successful party ever and a job well done.

Those who worked hard for its success were Chairman Ray Doucette and Eustis Grimes, Charlie Scanlon, William Perry, Percy Paige, Walter Smith, Leonard Baruham, Leslie Pugh, George Walton, Richard Skinner, Charlie Balcom, Harold Guppy, Peter Saweluik, William Quinn, John Day and Commander Schacht.

A committee will be appointed to revise our Chapter By-Laws to conform with World War II Veterans.

On Feb. 5 or 6 the chapter will revive the old Coffee Party and Ed Trudell will have charge and will announce his committee later. Some time in March the chapter will hold a Welcome Home Party to our World War I veterans who served in World War II. A banquet will be given in their honor and each veteran will receive a valuable gift. The Duke will have charge and announce his committee later.

Christmas boxes were given to all our members on the sick list. Welcome home to the new YD—you did a great job and we are mighty proud of you.

— The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Armand J. Duclos
483 Kempton St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our monthly Smoker was held as usual in Carpenter's Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 11.

We had a very enjoyable evening and of course the usual refreshments that we take pride in—our meetings are such that a lot of our comrades are missing some good times.

We missed our old comrade Bill Barter at the meeting. You know Bill is a very busy man these days with Christmas shopping and being superintendent of the largest Dry Goods Store in New Bedford. I guess he just could not make the meeting.

Well comrades we have made a start for new members of World War II vets of the YD. One of the new members happens to be the son of Comrade Walter Burns and one of our first acts at our nomination of officers for 1946 is that we elect Comrade Burns one of our officers and to show these boys that will sign up that we are only too glad to get some of their ideas.

We wish all the comrades a Happy New Year.

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SALEM

Commander: Charles Leger
32 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.

Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Well, well, well, somebody from Salem noticed that Salem had no report in Yankee Doings for the last two months—your scribe had his ears pinned back—so here goes. The boys are attending meetings pretty good—12-14-16 for a small chapter is not bad and believe you me that gang do chatter and how a quiet, silent type of a young fellow like me can take it all in, is beyond me.

Recently we had a Penny Sale and on the stormiest night since "Lorenzo Wright who is always wrong, was born" and that was a long time ago. Penny Sale in charge of Wright and Tiny Walsh. There were 17 present but still 18 bucks was made for the treasury. Imagine what we would have made if the weather had been good. Hen Fruit St. Charles was to donate a Capon, so I understand. All he said was "There was so damn much snow, the hen coop was covered with snow". Another Penny Sale will be held in January. Tiny Walsh says "he is going to get the city truck and move the hen coop in back of the YD Club capons and all—all but the smell of hen fruit."

We also had a State Meeting Dec. 2, in Salem. The meeting was called on short notice so the attendance was small, but we did get a good delegation from Salem and what strange mugs we had there headed by Squire Calhoun from Beverly Farms whom we have not seen for a long time, in fact since Lorenzo Wright had a queen in the hole—of course I mean in the stud poker game? I had an ace in the hole. The boys from Bat. D, 101st FA., long time no see—Emile Gagnon, Joe Breault, Arthur Lebell, Count Laforme, Lucien Pelletier, Ed. Rennick, Mch. Gun Perry, E. Bat. Top Kick Calhoun, Dutch Ayers, Donald Duck Thibault, Hdq. Al Lareau, Ed Gravell, C. Leger, Infants Gus Madore, Al St. Pierre, Ernie Pelletier, Joe St. Charles, L. Wright.

Beverly, Commander Heald, Frank Smith; Lawrence, S. V. Joe Watton, Commander Hart; Reading, Commander and Comrade Curtin; Haverhill, Comrade Caswell and State Commander Heftey. We missed Clyde E. and Worcester-Haverhill gang. What's the matter Charlie Davis and Danvers—long time no see.

Next April installation of State Officers in Salem. Enough notice in advance. No excuses, no abili.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: John Meffen
100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield Chapter is planning to hold a Public Initiation Meeting at which time all New Members will be Inducted into the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. This meeting will take place some time in January and with Junior Vice Comdr. Hogan heading up the committee, assisted by all the officers of the chapter, I am certain that this affair will be a success. Members of the chapter will receive full information on this affair just as soon as plans are completed. Incidentally this will be an outstanding event in the history of Springfield Chapter.

No doubt some of you members are wondering what the Housing Committee is doing about our new YD Home. Believe me this committee is just as anxious to start alterations on the property as you are to have them, but that big problem of housing is standing in its way. Up to the present time the occupants of our property have been unable to find a home. Confidentially the Housing Committee met at the home of Chairman Gilligan, on Friday evening, Dec. 14th, and formulated plans for a drive to raise sufficient funds so that when the YD Club of Springfield is dedicated that it will be a credit to the City of Springfield, and the Yankee Division Veterans' Association.

The officers and members of Springfield Chapter join with me in expressing their heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late departed comrade, Archie Ballard. Our Service Officer, Junior Vice Commander Hogan certainly deserves a vote of appreciation from the members of the chapter, for the splendid way in which he handled the military arrangements for our late departed comrade's funeral. The YD ritual services were conducted at the funeral home on Monday evening, Dec. 3, by National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton assisted by Comrades Beach, Fisher, Forrest, Lynch, Martindale, and Patch. Bearers for the military funeral for Comrade Ballard were Comrades Foisey, Flescher, Brunton, Valentine, Hogan, and Dee. Comrade Ballard served with B Company, 104th Infantry in World War I.

We are still signing up new members in Springfield Chapter, and we now have an all time high of 190 paid-up members. With a little more assistance we certainly ought to sign up 200 before the year is out.

Comrade Grampy Beach, chairman of the YD Drum Corps Committee, reported at the last meeting that the Drum Corps was certainly going places, stating that the attendance at rehearsals was exceptionally good, and that plenty of enthusiasm was being shown by the members of the corps.

National Commander Brunton and his Turkey Party Committee certainly did a swell job on raising money for our new home. The profit on the Turkey Raffle is a military secret, but believe me it will buy plenty of paint.

Be sure to keep Saturday evening, March 30 as an open date, as this is the date set by the committee for our annual installation of officers party. I expect to have more to tell you about this in the next issue of DOINGS. Chapter Commander Meffen was confined to his home for a brief period due to illness, but is

much better now and would like to see more of you comrades at our regular meetings. These meetings are held at the G. A. R. Hall, 44 State street, Springfield on the first and third Friday of each month. Why not put these dates down in your memorandum book and plan to be present at all future meetings.

All of the officers join with me in wishing you and yours the best for the holiday season.

— Roswell F. Patch.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

Well here it is time to have a few words from this locality for the members of the organization. We of Worcester are busier than a one-armed paperhanger preparing the activities for the coming convention. (Remember 1936?)

As for activities of the chapter, between monthly socials, turkey socials and other ideas that we have for the benefit of the members, little can be said at this time for our necessity as being a part of the YD organization. Several of the members have taken the opportunity of using our hall for celebrations of different affairs such as P.C. Vail having a wedding party on one of his daughters; P.C. Nute and Mrs. Nute celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary, Comrade Morrissey's brother having a wedding party and others that I can't think of at the present time, so as you see there is something doing all of the time at the club.

The House Committee under the leadership of its chairman, P.C. Jones had a Christmas party for children of members (and you would be surprised at the number of children there were), gifts were given and entertainment provided so that everybody had a good time and Santa Claus was glad when it was over.

The chapter's first annual New Year's Party was held for members and friends only.

There was no cover charge for this party but admission was by the showing of a paid-up membership card otherwise no soap. Comrade Bert Kane, chairman, said that this was the best affair held in the city. Everything was provided and members enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Lt. Col's. Edwin J. (Ted) Noyes and Harold A. Fink (a former member), were down to Boston to welcome the new veterans back to the States, and from what I hear there will be a lot to say about the new comrades. What's this I see in the papers that the southerners want to rename the 'Yankee Division' to the 'Dixie Division', well you can bet your last dollar that there will be one h——l of an argument from some of the old timers if they think they can get away with that. Maybe something will come up at the next convention in regards to that idea, along with a clearer understanding of the action taken at the last convention meeting in regards to membership —there has been too much of an opening in regards to eligibility according to many of our comrades.

Time is getting along to when we will have a new slate of officers and several of the members are beginning to look over the membership to see what they can pick because this year is going to be a busy one and a live set of officers will be needed for the activities of the chapter for the next year. Maybe something new will be added, who knows?

The same old gang shows up for the meetings—once in a while we see a new face, but all in all it's the same crowd so why should those that don't show up have so much to say about how the chapter should be run. Let's have everybody get together and make the organization a bigger and better meeting place for all concerned.

Wishing everybody in the organization the Season's Greetings for a most joyous and prosperous year.

— COE.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander James Macallum, 62 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: Roy Simpson
2 Gardenway Rd., Quonset Point, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

The regular meeting of Kent County Chapter, YDVA, was held in Odd Fellows Hall, School street, Crompton, R. I., Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 1945, at 8.30 p. m., Comdr. Roy Simpson presiding.

After the first part of the ritual was over, a motion was made that the Kent County Chapter go on record as favoring a State Bonus to be paid to all honorably discharged veterans of World War II.

Business being finished the members adjourned to the ante-room for a Christmas party.

The table was decorated with Christmas trees and colored candles.

During lunch gifts were distributed by our Commander, Roy Simpson.

A very pleasant evening was held, thanks to the ladies. There also were friends from the Providence Chapter and Stonington-Groton Chapter in Westerly, Rhode Island.

A large box was presented to Comdr. Roy Simpson from P.S.D.C. William Bergin and Mrs. Bergin. Contents of the box was a beautiful YD flag.

Comdr. Roy Simpson thanked P.S.D.C. William Bergin and his wife for such a lovely gift in behalf of Kent County Chapter and promised to have it in future parades with the boys.

— George R. MacLeod.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Francis Dunn
52 Appleton St., Providence 9, R. I.

Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 10, R. I.

Memories: In December, 1917 while doing guard duty at Camp Coetquidan I had the occasion to halt a group of men from the 103rd F.A. The orders of the day were to see that the only liquor carried into camp was under the belt and not in a burlap bag. Of course, if a lone bottle was for a sick friend in your own barracks it was but an act of courtesy to overlook the wrong. I recall the night when a certain gang came into camp loaded down with eggs and bread. Like good fellows they assured me they had nothing but eats and far be it from them to break the rules. Twenty-eight years later I have a hunch they had something—besides dough—inside of those long French loaves of bread. Let's hope I haven't misjudged my good friends, Bill Whitaker and Gus Hampton.

Time marches on: Do you remember the good old days back in the late 20's and early 30's when the old YD turned out in hundreds for the Annual Armistice Day parade. Those were the good old times when officers and men got together for a day of fun. On Armistice Day, 1945, the old YD presented a sorry spectacle. Bill Andrews reports seeing two A Battery men going by his house in wheel chairs. The other 29 who marched are still unaccounted for. The suggestion by Ed Mara that we charter a bus for our 1946 parade seems plausible. You're right, men, we are getting old as time marches on.

Nov. 20, 1945. That was the day of our big Turkey Raffle. On the 19th the Polish-American Home was crowded to capacity. On the 20th the YD was represented by a corporal's guard and many friends. Despite all obstacles and poor support by YDers the committee of Whitman, Girvan, Emmons and Brown report success. Total expenditures: $500.62. Total receipts: $614.75. Bob Eley and Dan Black claim they won two YD pigeons. Well, boys, those young birds were raised by Lou Fenner's uncle.

Onions and Orchids: Murray and Mack honestly admit that the secretary's job is one of abuse—and how. As humans we try to do our best in giving our chapter just representation in DOINGS. At present our editor is limited as to what can be published. If certain items are scratched don't blame us. Since taking over the job of writing this column we have submitted over 40,000 words. All in all we have received a 50-50 break. In the past we have received many fine letters from Jack Creamer, Miquel Meyers, Capt. Clarence Murdock, Henry Garceau, Ken Dennis, Ernie Vogt, Gus Hampton, Jack Kirshner, Gus "Rubber Heels' Stratford, Joe Sousa, Earl Irons and many others. If the "Onion Handlers" desire the job of writing 800 words every month they are welcome to it, and we don't mean maybe.

The new YD: We welcome to our ranks Lt. Ernest E. G. Gendreau and Louis G. Petreccia. If you find any glamor and glory in war we say enjoy it while the spirit lasts. We of the old YD have been through the game and know what it is all about. In 1945 all we have left is memories of the days spent over there, and pleasant memories of the comradeship of fine officers and swell buddies. Twenty-eight years hence we are carrying on, not for glamor and glory, but in memory of that grand group of YDers who have made the Supreme Sacrifice. Let's hope you of the new YD carry on when we are tooting our trumpets in Gabriel's Den.

Rips from Betty Murray's Nightshirt: Lt. Col. Charles Malone has been transferred from San Diego to Fort Bliss. In 1916 Charlie was a bugler with old A Battery in the same spot. Tommy Redfern was baptized with a Martini Cocktail at General Barker's dinner. Maj. Jack Mitchell is now soldiering in North Carolina. Thanks to Reporter Jack Cramer for his New York and Chicago news. George Brunton Pretat, former radio expert in France is now raising cows and chickens and also his mustache. Lt. Col. Elmer Sherman of old B is stationed in Rhode Island. No hearee from Col. Dwight T. Colley in long timee. Since coming home from the Pacific General Barker has had a hell of a time doing everything asked of him in behalf of the Victory Loan Drive.

Ray Donahue, Capt. Charles Eden, Joe Souza, Art Hanson and Maj. "Bill" O'Rourke, are now veterans

of World Wars I and II. Col. Ed. Forsythe is sweating it out in Antwerp, Belgium. No hearee from Maj. Paul B. Metcalf. Jack Welch and J. Howard Kelly are super salesman of the giggle that tickles your tonsils. Major Mark P. Rancourt is reclining in Florida. Never knew that Benny Nevin could sing until I met him at the dinner in the Biltmore. Capt. Tom Keenan had quite a session with Lt. Lewis McDowell when they met at A.L. National Convention in Chicago. Maj. Colin G. Macleod is home from overseas.

YD Bed-pan Club: Capt. "Bill" Bresette has joined our ranks. At present he is recuperating from a serious operation. As a new member he has received his copy of the poem—The YD Bed-pan—as written by Bill Cullen and Leo Bottari of the 104th Ambulance Company. It's a beaut. Best wishes and better health to Henry McCarthy, Joe Sousa, Earl Irons, Henry Garceau and Verne Moody. Future bed-panners are welcome to our ranks.

The year 1946: Our past year in YDism has been one of success. Our membership jumped from 259 to 285. Why? Simply because every member of 44 reupped his dues. Our coming commander, Ralph Whitman, of the 101st Engineers deserves your support. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. A nickel a week will help keep alive the tradition of the old YD. If every member will lend a helping hand we have high hopes of hitting the 300 mark next year. It can be done if all will do just a little bit. If you can't get a new member you can at least help by paying your dues for 1946-47.

In conclusion: Danny Clifford has just celebrated his 64th birthday. His coffee is no better than his age. For a good heart-burn attend our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, the 6th of February. With best wishes to you and yours for a Prosperous New Year.

— Murray and Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: J. Philip Fray, 162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Robert R. Reyburn, 74 Lindsley Pl., Stratford, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1945, American Legion Hall, Torrington Chapter Hosts.

Meeting called to order by Comdr. Fray at 3:30 P.M., Salute to Colors, Prayer by Chaplain Dike.

Connecticut again honored with the attendance of our Nat. Commander Dennis Brunton, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Patch and their lovely wives. Commander Fray instructs Sgt.-at-Arms Carlos to escort both to rostrum.

Chaplain Dike reports no list from Newington received. Service Officer John Carter has list with 15 names of comrades at same. Xmas cards on hand for all to sign and be sent to hospitals.

11 Chapters represented. New Haven Chapter tops State, with a new all high membership of 285 and Comrade Cooper still working hard for that 300. Nice going, Ray. Hartford behind with only 245.

Dube reports New Haven No Go on Convention — Housing Conditions at all hotels serious. Nat'l. has been notified.

Bristol, the faithful chapter, still third largest 116. Torrington's Acting Comdr. Pavlik reports chapter with 30 members and growing — watch next year.

Windham County reports of Xmas party on Dec. 19th — also to present to each YD Buddie at Newington one full carton of Cigs for Xmas.

Reports of Committee — P.N.C. Bourn reports he is going to contact other Veterans Organizations regarding Old Age Pension Bill before drawing up resolution.

Service Officer Carter reports 40 boxes of Xmas cards to be distributed to Veterans at Newington and Rockey Hill.

Commander Caravatt of Hartford chapter reports his chapter to supply cigs for YD Buddies at Newington. Swell going. Makes motion Dept. should do same for boys of YD at Rocky Hill. Comdr. Kolinsky seconds same with an addition that Dept. donate from Flower Fund $50.00 so that every comrade YD or not receive a pack. Motion carried.

P.D.C. Thompson of Bristol suggests that all attending meeting donate to Flower Fund collection — $1.00. Worked swell, total collected, $30.25 — nice going comrades. S.V. Roys appointed as chairman to purchase same.

Chaplain Dike reports both Newington and Rocky Hill Hospitals short of YD stationery. Dube pledged New Haven for 1,000 sheets and envelopes for Rocky Hill. Salliden of Bristol says that his chapter will furnish like amount for Newington. Thanks comrades.

Sallidin asks why YANKEE DOINGS is so late each month. After considerable discussion regarding paper shortage, labor shortage, etc., Carter of Hart-

ford suggests that Comdr. Fray bring this up at the next Executive meeting.

Dube again turns in 50c for two Who's Who and informs meeting he is working on new list for a new edition, also suggests that YD Sons and Daughters Association be thought of again.

Nat. Commander Denny Brunton called upon for remarks and as ever when he gets through one is glad to be a YD Veteran. Upon reading letter from New Haven Chapter's Commander Cargill that the N. H. Chapter shall not hold convention, he immediately called Worcester Chapter at 11 P. M., the convention was theirs if they still desired same. Well Comrades here's their ANSWER—NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JUNE 1946, WORCESTER, MASS. Congratulations, Gang.

Hartford Chapter invites all to their Annual Smorgasbord in February.

Here they are, Comrades, your next three months' hosts. January, Middletown, City Hall, Meeting place. February, Bridgeport, Vet of Foreign Wars Home. March, Hartford, Danish Hall. Remember all meetings are held on the Second Sunday of the month and are called to order at 3:00 P.M. sharp. Don't forget your ladies are always welcome. Happy New Year to all.

— J. Phil Fray,
Conn. Dept. Commander.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Samuel Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Recently the Chapter held its annual Xmas Party, this year all could celebrate as the Merry Xmas of Peace on Earth and Good Will to All, with most boys coming home and many at home with their folks.

The old gang got together and celebrated as of old, with plenty of refreshments and eats.

A raffle was held, a Bond and five turkeys were given away. The Bond went to Mr. Yankem of 300 Myrtle Ave., Stratford Ignition Co. The five turkey winners: J. Kenan, 406 West Ave.; Lucel Fee, Churchill Rd.; Leo Shonesee, 254 Thorn St.; William Ringler, 57 Allesen Rd., all will have turkeys with the best wishes of the Bridgeport YD.

Dancing was enjoyed and it's surprising how our old-timers can still step to the modern jitterbug tunes, but they did that and all had a good time until late, when all parted with a Merry Christmas to all.

— Sam Zolo.

HARTFORD

Commander: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

"Sports Night" was observed at the November meeting of the Hartford Chapter. The major sports of football, baseball and boxing were covered by speakers well qualified to talk on these subjects. Former mayor of the city of Hartford, Walter E. Batterson, carried the ball for football. He told us that the trick plays of the early days are still being used now but under different names. Baseball was handled by Charles Blossfield, business manager of the Hartford baseball team. He said that baseball has kept faith with the professional players who entered the service of the country, by giving them priority rights upon their return to civilian status. Bob Steele, sports commentator on WTIC, portrayed the sport of boxing, past and present.

Our special guest of the evening was Major Dudley E. Burr of East Hartford, chaplain of the 169th Infantry, 43rd Division, who had recently returned after 34 months' service in the Pacific zone. His talk was most interesting, covering the various sports enjoyed by our boys in that zone of operations. Sports equipment was almost entirely lacking, but he said that the Red Cross did supply plenty of chess sets, and the boys passed away their idle time playing chess under the shade of the palms. Chaplain Burr coached the football team of the 169th Infantry regiment which became the champion team in the Pacific area. They played the 4th Division Marines in New Zealand before the largest crowd ever gathered for a sporting event.

Rev. Burr's talk and the entire program is still the much talked about event, and was voted to have been the most interesting and educational program presented by the Chapter in a long time. Comrade Harry Anderson was master of ceremonies and Past Commander John J. Curtin, chairman of arragements.

— C. B. Case, Sec'y.

MERIDEN

Commander: George Semran
376 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Howard R. Matteson
256 Spring St., Meriden, Conn.

A correction of the November issue of YANKEE DOINGS. Allen W. King and Malcolm King, Jr.,

also John J. Coumings are not new members as was stated, but are sons of YD men.

What do you say fellows, let's get to the meetings more often. Your Secretary would like to have him advised of more news.

Elmer S. Fox died at Meriden Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Hartford, he had lived there until five years ago, where he was loved by all who ever met him, then moved to Hanover Road in South Meriden and belonged to the local YD Chapter, where he made many friends who will miss him every much.

Elmer was a member of Robert E. Collins Post, No. 131, and First Baptist Church, Hartford. Mr. Fox served with Co. C, 101st Machine Gun Battalion of the 26th Division. He participated in the battles of Champagne, Aisne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and the Denfensive Sector.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maybelle Fox and one son, Parker W. Fox. A military funeral service was held and burial was at Walnut Grove, Dec. 19, 1945.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Dexter A. Cargill
85 Fort Hale Rd., New Haven 13, Conn.

Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

New Haven Chapter is still 'hot' and will continue to get hotter. Armistice Day observance on New Haven's Historic Green was staged by our own P.C. Hank Dube as president of the Veterans' Council with P.C. Culver acting as M.C. undaunted by a heavy rain. Our wreath was placed on the memorial by our commander, Col. Dex. Cargill who also conducted the services at the Cpl. Timothy Ahearn monument. New flags had been placed on the graves of all soldiers in the part of the St. Lawrence Cemetery assigned to us by a detail under the direction of our chaplain, Sherwood Rogers. This work of marking and registering all soldiers' graves in the city is under the direction of Col. Joe Marinan, a chapter member who can always be counted on to help the chapter when called on.

We combine a usual meeting night with an impromptue social hour that is very popular with the regulars and also our house committee staged a social night with the ladies invited on Nov. 29th that was a night. The entertainment was supplied by Vic Valenti and his guitar who did a nice job but the real hit of the evening came when Culver was coaxed out of the kitchen and with his apron still on brought down the house with samples of the stuff that made him and his wife Bessie Leonard (dough girl) of the A.E.F.) famous on the vaudeville circuits. Yes sir we had a time for ourselves.

Mrs. Kaye Martyn who is on her way to join her husband, Comdr. O. J. Martyn, U.S.N., in Puerto Rico, seemed to enjoy herself at the party and said the only thing her home town, Minneapolis, Minn., lacked was a YD gang.

The Christmas party was taken care of by the Children's Aid Committee headed by Sherm Best and Oats Culver. The chapter held its regular New Year's Eve party.

— E. F. Clark.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

CHICAGO

Commander: J. H. Donovan

Secretary: J. H. Donovan
Room 1314, 6 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

This should be our December report.

While the snow is decorating the landscape and making it resemble an old time Christmas, the writer will get in his rocking chair and jot down a few lines relative to the activities of the Windy City Chapter since our last report. First of all, the boys from the Chapter extend to its National officers and other chapters throughout the country a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Our attempt to obtain a room to greet our comrades who took in the American Legion National Convention in November was balked at every turn and, therefore, we were unable to extend our hospitality as we had planned. However, as things turned out, we find that our treasury was not depleted (as small as it is) and that bromo-seltzers were not necessary after the convention. Not a single comrade from the other chapters contacted us (if any were in attendance) and our attempt to hold a meeting in competition with General Eisenhower was a failure. When the meeting was scheduled we did not know that the General would be in town that evening and while our meetings are few and far between we decided to go through

with it. We didn't have a corporal's guard turn out and some of our old-timers must have wanted a peek at the General.

On December 12th the Chapter had a preview of a coming attraction for the members, their families and friends and the picture was enjoyed by all. Thanks, Allen Usher, P.C. we really appreciate your trouble in giving the members a treat and as Bob Hope says, I hope your sponsor will read this.

A former member of the Chicago Chapter, Charles H. Woods, passed away on November 17, 1945. The chapter did not hear about it until the evening before the funeral services and word could not be passed around. It is our understanding that he had been in service with the Navy in World War II and wasn't available for meetings in the past few years.

Don't all raise your hands at once, but how many of the Chicago Chapter members have written Comrade Edward C. W. Pedersen at Wood, Wisconsin.

We have an application for membership in the chapter from Robert Clutterham, World War II veteran. His dad is a member of the chapter and he informs us that his other son came very near to being attached to the present 26th Division but lacked the necessary points to be shipped to the Division for return to the United States. He is number one from World War II and it is understood that the Division is at alert for shipment home. If so, there are many Chicagoans and mid-westerners with the Division who are eligible for membership.

The writer ran into a Captain who sported the YD emblem and found out that he was Captain of A Co., 101st Engineers in World War II. He stated that he had been home for a couple of weeks and that I was the second man in the City of Chicago that he ran into who knew what the YD meant. Let's go boys, we must educate the people here and keep our name before them.

— J. H. Donovan,
Commander.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.

Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

On a recent visit to Fitzsimons, Vetter had a few minutes visit with Bob McLaughlin. Bob has been back in Fitzsimons since Oct. 4th. His son who served in the Navy has been discharged.

"Rocky" was unable to attend the December meeting, as he was home sick with the flu. Carl Johnson and Chapin were present. Carl suggested changing the meeting place to the Legion Clubhouse. Chapin recently returned from a trip to Nebraska.

Regards and best wishes at this holiday season.

— Vetter, Secretary.

NEW YORK

Commander: William H. Cowie
43-17 149th St., Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.

Secretary: Ralph F. Nevin
Room 1350, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

New York Chapter had a fine turnout at its December meeting held at the usual place, the Hotel Lexington, on Thursday, December 13th.

We are pleased to note that the youngsters from YD World War II are responding nobly to the appeal to affiliate with YDVA, and New York looks forward to great expansion in membership when the present 26th Division returns to the United States in the very near future.

As is the custom in New York around this period, the Nominating Committee brought in its report on nominations for officers for the ensuing year. The following slate was presented:

Commander, Ralph F. Nevin; 1st Vice Commander, Frank J. Kurriss; 2nd Vice-Commander, John W. Farquhar; Chaplain, Rev. Thomas F. Temple; Secretary, Andrew M. Lemon; Treasurer, Lester K. McElwain; Sgt.-at-Arms, C. Alfred Kjelleren; Historian, Henry D. Read; Trustees: William H. Cowie, Chairman, Lt. Col. Joseph K. Surls, PDC Robert B. Dickson, Robert J. Daly, John A. Godfrey, WW II.

The annual election will be held at our next meeting which will take place in the Lexington Hotel on Thursday evening, January 10th. The elected officers will be installed at the February meeting which will be held, providing arrangements can be made to secure our meeting room, on the 21st day of February rather than on the 14th. This date was voted by the Chapter in order to take advantage of the holiday on Feb. 22nd. Please watch your next issue of "YANKEE DOINGS" for confirmation of this schedule.

We were pleased to see "Red" Washburn with us again as well as several others who have not been around recently. Ralph Turgeon promises that he will be in regular attendance from now on barring unforeseen happenings. (And he comes all the way from Princeton, New Jersey, to attend our meetings!)

One of our new members from World War II, a young chap known as George "The Greek" Columbus should give us no end of amusement at our meetings provided he can get hold of somebody's brown hat to

twist while giving impersonations and telling stories.

To top off a pleasant evening, Bob Dickson presented a troupe of amateur male and female entertainers from Newark, New Jersey, who gave a fine program of modern terpsichore and vocal renditions.

The evening was enjoyed by every member present.

— Ralph F. Nevin,
Secretary.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

The Ohio Chapter Inc. of Y.D.V.A. wishes all members of the finest Vets Assn. wherever they may be, a most Happy and Prosperous New Year, also a belated Merry Christmas.

The Ohio Chapter played Santa to the neighborhood surrounding its Hdqtrs. at 7630 Broadway, with a Christmas tree and most appropriately decorated, with presents for all as long as they lasted.

The YD of Ohio may be a Vets' organization, but believe you me, they are rapidly becoming an important civic one as well.

The year of 1946 ushers in the 10th anniversary of the Ohio Chapter. A very small group of hardy pioneers during the Am. Legion Convention in 1936 hurried and scurried here and there and wherever a YD insignia or a Mass. emblem was displayed, these husky frontiermen were taking names and addresses.

The Ohio Chapter was conceived. True to YD spirit. After ten years we have grown to a husky, ruff and tuff full-grown organization, with an Aux. to match the true YD spirit and ambition.

Our last regular meeting on Sunday night was the usual success. Comrades John McGloin P.C. (formerly of Paschogue, R. I.) and Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Huebler were the winners of a YD shirt and tie. Sorry, Buds, you were conspicuous by your absence, and on the next drawing the winner was Pete Sinclair, 103rd Inf. Carl Hauser was the winner of the jack pot. Refreshments were served and they were up to the usual YD refreshments in quantity and quality.

Remember the First Sunday Night of the month is YD NIGHT. The Ladies' Aux. meets at the same time as the Chapter, 7:00 p.m.

Make the First Sunday Night of the Month — YD Family Night.

— W. P. O'Connor,
Secretary.

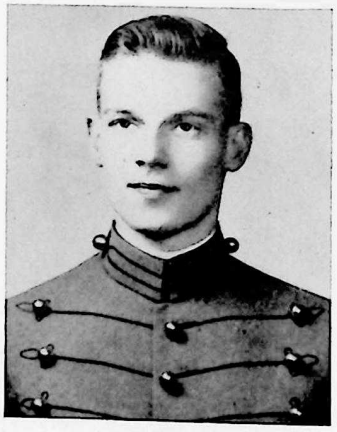
PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Phillip S. Maloney
5752 Camden Ave., Merchantville, N. J.
Secretary: Louis Wintner
911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila. 40, Pa.

Things have been kind of quiet in your chapter this past month so news is somewhat scarce. The Chapter would like to express its sympathy to P.C. Al Roberts in the passing of his father who lived a nice full life of eighty years. We also take note of P.C. Harvey Ellis' beaming face, the reason being that his son, Donald, is now home and Harvey Jr. about due any day. For your information members if from time to time you only see a few names mentioned in our column it is because it has been ruled that chapters are allotted space according to their size and you know how big we are. Maybe in the near future it will again be as it used to be when you could pick up "DOINGS" and occasionally see an old buddie's name and get that old tingle up your spine.

By the time you read this we will be into a New Year, so best wishes to you all for a very happy year and I hope old St. Nick was generous to you all, and to make your Commander happy for the year, all you have to do is come out to all our meetings which are held on the fourth Friday of the month.

— Louis Wintner,
Secretary.



CONRAD LAJEUNESSE
West Point, N. Y.

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Son of
Joseph Lajeunesse
Batt. D, 102nd F.A.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . A reception and dinner will be tendered William P. "Bucky" Coffey, president of the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association by his friends, at the Parker House, Boston, Mass., on Saturday, Jan. 26, 1946 at 7 p. m. A capacity crowd is anticipated . . . Ned Whelan is the general chairman . . . Arthur Whitney (F Co.), is a patient at the Metropolitan State Hospital . . . Sgt. Eddie Malone (B Co.) has returned . . . Dick Brannan (H Co.) is a patient at the Boston City Hospital. He had been working at the Watertown Arsenal . . . The boss at the Russ Murray's (Hdqts.) house is no other than Miss Judy Murray who just celebrated her second birthday. She is a darling and has all the makings of another Hedy Lamaar.

Pres. Coffey was the guest speaker at a testimonial tendered Jacob Polak, State Comander of the Jewish War Veterans, at the Hotel Statler . . . John J. O'Connell (E Co.) is the director of Veterans Services at Canton, Mass. . . . Our headquarters are now located at 25 Huntington Ave., Boston 16, Mass. We are glad to hear that Gen. Tom Foley's wife, who has been very ill, is improving . . . General Foley (G Co.) has been elected for the third time, president of the National Guard Association . . . Our congratulations, General.

All 101st Infantry comrades confined in the various hospitals will receive a Christmas gift from the old outfit . . . Past Pres. Fred Jones (G Co.) is the general chairman of the National Convention of the old and new YD to be held in Worcester Mass., next June 27, 28, 29, 30. This one will be the 27th for us old timers and No. 1 for the new YD . . . Better start making your reservations now . . . Seasons Greetings to All. — Jim Powers.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Report has been received of the death of William C. Waterhouse formerly of Co. 'H', 102nd Inf., in the Veterans Hospital on Nov. 26, 1945. He was formerly a member of the Norwalk Chapter and recently of the Hartford Chapter.

James A. Jameson formerly of Co. 'A', 104th Inf., World War I died of a heart attack on Dec. 27, 1945. Burial was from his former home at Boston and interment was at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston.

William E. Rowan formerly second lieutenant in Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, World War I, died Dec. 12, 1945 at Fayetteville, N. C.

Word has been received of the death of Joseph Michael formerly of Battery B, 102nd Field Artillery. His former home was in Worcester, Mass. No further details are available at this time.

Charles H. Woods formerly of Co. A, 103rd Machine Gun Bn., died at his home in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 18, 1945. Interment was at Stevensville, Mich. He was a former member of the Chicago Chapter, YDVA.

Edmund M. Carr, East Liverpool, Ohio, passed away from a stroke on Dec. 8. He served with us in D Company, 104th Inf. Burial services were conducted from St. Aloysius Church.

Struck while crossing the street at George and College streets on Dec. 8, Thomas Spayde, 45, of 256 Portsea street, died in New Haven Hospital this morning of a head injury received in the accident. He served with the YD in the 102nd Infantry Band.

Irving A. Rich of Lexington, Mass., passed away at Symms Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Mass., on Oct. 26, 1945. Mr. Rich served with the 101st Engineers, Yankee Division. He enlisted in August, 1917, was assigned to Co. A, later was transferred to Headquarters Company, where he attained the rank of sergeant.

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GROTON-STONINGTON

Commander: William Wills
P. O. Box 292, Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.

Long time no see! Yes, we have been tardy in sending in the news of our chapter. We have had our reasons but we also appreciate that there are times when it pays to keep the lip buttoned. Some wag once said "That it's a long lane that does not have a turning". We still have the kind of loyalty that will keep the Y-D fires burning down here and what National or Department thinks of some of us will not force our feet from the straight and narrow—so far as this chapter is concerned.

Junior Vice Frank Wadsworth has his butt program going and sends out butts by the bale to the boys up in Newington and over to Newport. Con Riley married off one of his lovely daughters and blew the roof off his house with the party he threw for the newlyweds. Ann and Ernest Fowkes had an anniversary and the whole gang was there and there isn't room enough in "DOINGS" to go into detail as to what happened that evening. We might say that Ernie Mills is no longer the Champ Gastronomy Artist, having been taken in by Chaplain Campbell after a five-hour battle. Campbell now signs his name with a D.E. and we found out it means Doctor of Epicurianism!

Kavanaugh is busy sticking pigs these days but found time to lay off the pigs and battle three fine chickens which helped make up our chicken dinner last month. Ernie Mills crashed through with two more hens so we had plenty to eat and some. Our March Birthday Dinner is all set to go on March 23rd and this year we are going to hold it at the Hotel Mystic in Mystic. This hotel is operated by Andy Satti's sister and we have already tagged Andy to tend bar (soft drinks only?) Roy Wilbur, Frank Babcock and Clarence St. Jean are hooked to put on the acts at this party and your correspondent is a bit afraid that we may end up in a hog calling contest.

Col. Dadson is back on his feet again after a bout with one of those things that creeps up in the dark on us and we are looking forward to see him at meetings again soon. Speaking of meetings our Commander Bill Wills broke down our attendance record for the year and came up with a 89% average for the year. With 30 men on the books I doubt if there is one chapter in the Department of Connecticut that came even close to that figure. Black Sheep we are called!

— Why-Dee.

WILLIMANTIC

Commander: Martin Cohen
34 McKinley Ave., Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner Hall
So. Willington, Conn.

In true YD "hard luck" the date of Dec. 19th goes down in our history book as one of the worst nights in many a moon for on that date the local gang celebrated our 10th Anniversary as a member of the national organization combined with our Annual Christmas Party. The day before 85 sure reservations were assured. On that night with a snow storm of blizzard proportions 51 "brave souls" came from miles around to be present and make our anniversary a real genuine success. Chas Maass our general chairman did a real swell job in putting this party together. The party started late with a delicious steak dinner followed by some real fine dancing from the pupils of the McFarland Studio.

At our last meeting (December) we voted to purchase one carton of cigarettes for each YD man at the Vets Hospital in Newington. This was done and the secretary delivered these in person the day before Christmas. To say they were greatly appreciated is putting it mild. It would have done you all good to see the load of Christmas presents brought in by other veteran outfits for the boys at the hospital. Literally stacks of them.

The raffle which was to have been held the night of the party was postponed until our next meeting Jan. 7th. Reason being all tickets had not been accounted for. We don't expect to make much dough but we did well at that. May I take this opportunity to thank all outside chapters especially Springfield, Worcester and Providence for the big help they gave us on this raffle. It is much appreciated. Bristol in our own group did a swell job also. Thanks gang. Others did their share and thanks to them also. And now thanks to our own members who did their bit also.

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